



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

RITLAND

Serial No.: 10/060,905

Filed: January 29, 2002

Atty. File No.: 4510-4

For: "RETRACTOR AND METHOD
FOR SPINAL PEDICLE SCREW
PLACEMENT"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Missing Parts
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed February 27, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, enclosed are a Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Information Disclosure Statement. Formal drawings for the application are also enclosed under separate cover letter.

Also enclosed is a check for \$519.00, constituting payment of the application filing fee of \$370.00 for a small entity, plus \$84.00 in extra claim fees and \$65.00 for the statutory surcharge. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is also enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.
 - \$84 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 519.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed February 27, 2002, enclosed are 3 sheets of formal, inked drawings illustrating Figs. 1-8 of the application. Figs. 1-8 constitute all of the drawings in the application.

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